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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to Applicant's Duty of Disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention the material cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of the cited U.S. publications and/or patent documents have not been included.

The references cited in this Information Disclosure Statement were listed in an International Search Report dated April 23, 2004 or a German Office Action dated November 12, 2003, in the corresponding International Application, copies enclosed.

Each of the references cited in the International Search Report was cited as Category

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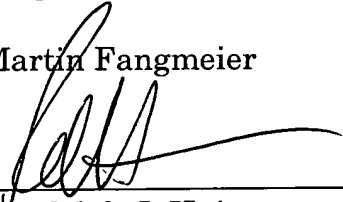
In the German Office Action, reference (1) (JP 08-277947 Abstract), which is an English language Abstract, was cited as novelty destroying with respect to claim 1. References (2) and (3) (DE 201 05 498 and DE 101 15 588, respectively), were cited as showing essentially the same characteristics as claim 1 without any further detailed explanation. Reference (1) was also cited against claims 2-9 as preventing patentability due to lack of an inventive step.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating his consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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